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Mr. Harriman's seeming indifference toward building a railroad into Central Oregon, while rather discouraging to our people at present, may prove a benefit in the end. Such methods but invite competition and should he postpone operations too long Mr. Hill may take a notion to enter the territory. Should the latter start all the Harriman's in Kingdom come couldn't stop him and the result would be two roads and we would not be at the mercy of one system. This section is too big to go begging for transportation lines, therefore we do not despair.

The Oregon Daily Journal gives some very interesting political news in a recent issue which is to the effect that many of Senator Bourne's former political cronies have their bayonets out for our Junior senator and that he is going to meet opposition by these former associates in his attempt to head the Oregon delegation to the next republican national convention. Senator Bourne has been standing out for a Roosevelt third term and even though some of these men are favorable to it, they are going to eat the Senator out of it. Among those with whom he is broken according to the Journal are W. E. Burke, James M. Kyle, Leut Adams, J. B. Coffey and others. Senator Bourne will find considerable opposition to his third term idea in this country.

The Oregon Daily Journal issued a special anniversary edition Sunday, Sept. 8 which is the neatest ever turned out of a print shop on the Pacific Coast. A portion of the mammoth edition is bound in magazine form printed in colors and on fine paper. The Journal is five years old and such an issue shows it to have one of the best equipped newspaper plants in the United States. The Oregon country is very well written up, the illustrations being the particular feature, however, while some of the statistical matter is rather out of date. For instance, the tabulated form showing the amount of land in the various land districts of Oregon was evidently taken from an old government report, as it shows a large portion of the Burns land district as being in the Lakeview district, when in fact the change in the boundary was made over 18 months ago in which all the land in this and Malheur counties formerly in the Lakeview district was taken into the Burns district.

Oregon's land sales and contribution to the reclamation fund for the year ending June 30, 1907, exceeds all other states, leading the next highest competitor, North Dakota, by over \$300,000.

Notwithstanding the agitation in land circles in Oregon during the past year, Oregon's sales amounted to \$1,429,760, all of which sum will go into the reclamation fund. This amount, derived from Oregon land sales in one year, almost equals the total amount so far appropriated for Oregon irrigation projects by the reclamation department.

Next year's sales will exceed this year's and yet there is no further prospect of appropriations for Oregon arid lands. Thus is shown the only seeming injustice of the reclamation law—the failure to use at least a large share of the proceeds in states in which the funds originate. Oregon will fatten the reclamation fund, and yet the state will famish in irrigation development by the government.

In the remote future, perhaps the John Day project, the Malheur project and the Silvies river project will be accepted by the government and funds appropriated for their completion. But now they are lying idle, while Oregon contributes enough in one year to complete half of them.

There is just cause to be proud of Oregon. She is a glorious old domain, notwithstanding the bogus land entries plastered all over her—East Oregonian.

COUNCIL NOT FAVORABLY IMPRESSED.

At a special meeting of the city council the proposition of water from the Miller Springs

was discussed and the authorities came to the conclusion that the city would not be justified in taking up the matter at this time. They are not disposed to bind the city to such a project when the quantity of water is problematical. While the water is near at hand and not involving a great expenditure, yet it would cost considerable to lay the mains and hydrants and at the same time the water might prove insufficient.

Such a franchise they consider would be a short sighted business proposition and prove unsatisfactory in the end. They prefer awaiting capital sufficient to put in an adequate system that will be beyond question.

A PROSPECTIVE WATER RIGHT SUIT.

Expensive Litigation in Which Many Land Owners are Involved.

What promises to be one of the most important and far reaching law suits involving the water rights of a large number of the people tributary to Silvies River and the Foley slough has been provoked this week by the filling of the Foley slough at the point where it takes its water from the river.

The Pacific Live Stock Co. and a large number of land owners on the river below this intake of the slough are the aggressors while Wm. Hanley and those using water from the Foley slough claim injury to their property. It has been a bone of contention for many years and it has also been the opinion of all concerned that the respective rights must some day be finally determined in the courts.

It seems that for a number of years the intake of the slough has been washing out and a corresponding larger amount of the water of the river has therefore been diverted from the original flow and the Pacific Live Stock Co. and those interested with it have gone to the head of the slough and made a fill up to what they claim was the original intake. They contend that had this not been done the entire flow of Silvies river would soon change and go down the slough. Mr. Hanley and those on the slough claim their levee is much higher than it was formerly and that this action will deprive them of water that rightly belongs to them in fact will ruin their land and make it impossible to raise crops.

This is the source from which Mr. Hanley and his associates proposed to reclaim the Carey act segregation of some 60,000 acres. The P. L. S. Co. interference has caused delay and tied up this land for a number of years. The matter is now pending but decisions are hanging fire, consequently nothing definite has been reached.

While no suit has yet been filed in this latest development, it is generally understood that proceedings will be instituted at once and the rights of all concerned finally determined. This suit will have an indirect bearing upon the Carey segregation as it will settle the right of Mr. Hanley to the water, or at least the amount he is entitled to.

NO MAIL YESTERDAY.

Manager Woldenberg of the Blue Mt. Rapid Transit Co. phoned Post Master Welcome yesterday that the trainmen on the Sumpter Valley had gone out on a strike Wednesday and as a consequence there would be no mail over that line.

Nothing definite is learned as to the cause of the trouble, but further word has been received to the effect that the strike was called off yesterday and the regular service is therefore expected to resume today. It is not unusual for the people of Burns to be out with their mail for a day or two in the winter time but it is generally quite prompt during the summer months.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Members of R. D. Lodge No. 43, are requested to attend the regular meeting next Wednesday evening. Visitors are welcome.

W. M. and R. L. Scott who are old time residents of Agency Valley, were in the city a few days during the week on business. These gentlemen have many friends in this county.

Tommy Cain's Sunrise, a hot favorite with the local race fans, met with a severe sprain during the last race of the meet. It is feared that the horse will be out of the running for some time. Tommy has been unlucky, as his beautiful mare, Baby May, fell dead on the track not long since.

Grant County News.

Loyd Johnson was up from Lawen this week.

J. E. Graves, Dr. W. A. Hopkins and wife and F. Crowley were up from Lawen yesterday on land business.

A typographical error in the First National Bank ad. last week made it rather memerous. It will be found more significant in this issue as there is considerable difference in the words "earning" and "caring."

James Wilson and wife, old time residents of Benton county, are in this section looking for a homeestead right, but hopes to be able to find some deeded land that suits him. He is not only looking for himself, but also his three sons and other relatives who are awaiting his report on the Harney country. Mr. Wilson is very favorably impressed and in all likelihood will remain.

A. L. Mackintosh, the well known Crook County wool grower, was in the city Wednesday looking after business affairs. Mr. Mackintosh states his father, mother and sister are still visiting in Scotland at their former home, but the old gentleman is getting rather homesick for the hills and invigorating climate of Eastern Oregon. A friend sent him a small sprig of sagebrush recently and the old gentleman was really disappointed at not finding a tick on it.

Grant Kesterson has returned to the P-Ranch after getting his family comfortably settled here for the winter. Grant will soon begin work on the dredger in the Blitzen swamp and it is understood it will be run throughout the winter if weather will permit. The proposition of draining this immense swamp and reclaiming a great body of fine land was started by the French-Glen Co. and it is a pleasure to learn that the successors of this company will carry the work to completion.

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BURNS, OREGON, AUGUST 13, 1897.
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SW 1/4, section 16, township 28 south, range 40 east, W. M., North of Malheur Lake.

Protests or contests against the claim of the State to any tract or subdivision described in said indemnity school land lot, on the ground that the same is more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, or being adversely claimed or occupied, will be received at this office on or before the expiration of the period of publication.

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